

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2744 - SB 2630

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Tennessee Pharmacy Act*, which states that a pharmacy must dispense ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine to an individual who has a valid prescription. Prohibits a health-related board from taking disciplinary action against a healthcare provider prescribing ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine or against a pharmacist for failing or refusing to dispense ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation does not state that private or government-funded insurance agencies must cover ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine. Therefore, it will not create any fiscal impact to these agencies, as they will not be required to change their current practice.
- The Division of TennCare (Division) covers treatments that are deemed medically necessary. However, the proposed legislation does not state whether the prescription for either drug needs to be considered medically necessary by the prescribing authority; currently, ivermectin does not meet the definition of medical necessity. Therefore, the Division would not be required to cover it and the legislation would create no fiscal impact.
- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, disciplinary action is banned to both healthcare providers and pharmacists for following or failing to follow the act. This prohibition will not significantly impact the Department of Health's or any health-related board's operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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